

lot of logic, but the amendment before that, and I appreciate the fact that there are some considerations that occurred earlier in the session that might have affected some things, and one thing and another, but if I read it correctly, number one, I do not believe that the Department of Roads supports that amendment as it was adopted. I haven't asked them, but I would be willing to bet they do not. I cannot support advancing a bill that broadens...it is no longer just to help a farmer to move, now it is whoever you designate, so that is wide open. There is no specific language left that limits the roads and the bridges that the vehicle can go on, they can go anywhere, at least specific language is no longer there. I passed out the sheet that shows that the damage from even 15 percent is double the normal damage and roads are constructed, designed for the weight limits that are contained in law. When you double that, obviously, you are significantly hurting that road structure and the road surface. The rationale, which is the only one that I've heard, is that there is a need to be overweight to get the crops out of the field. You are limiting it to only tandem axles, which I assume there are a few big operators that have tandem axles, large farm operations. But on the other hand you can haul 500 bushels on a straight tandem axle without too much sweat, more than that in fact and be underweight. So it is not a question of inadvertently making a mistake and dumping too much out of the combine. That is not a factor. The safety hazard that some had expressed on single axles, because those trucks are not built to carry that much weight, is even worse when you go to the tandem because everybody knows you can put a set of axles under a straight truck that doesn't begin to be designed to carry that kind of weight, so the safety factor is significantly greater. I would hope that you'd recognize what potential damage that this bill would have, the safety factors that it has, how much broader it is. The garbage trucks can haul in the summer, when that exemption in the first place was in the spring when they couldn't tell the ice and the wet and they had problems like that, obviously are not a problem, I assume it is not a problem in August. Shouldn't be too much frost and wet snow in August that causes those problems. The garbage shouldn't be too wet in August that makes it hard to judge the fact that it was setting out there on the side of the...edge of the street...absorbed a lot of moisture. I don't think that is a problem in August. I would hope that you would indefinitely postpone this bill. I appreciate that several